(b) the entire gas presently estimated to become available in the K-G basin has already been committed to other consumers

Black-marketing of Tickets in Karnataka

6471: SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of black-marketing of railway tickets are on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such cases that came to notice in Karnataka during the last two year; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir. However, some cases have come to notice from time to time.

(b) As a result of raids by Southern Railway Vigilance, 1137 touts were booked. This includes 41 unauthorised travel agencies also. Out of these, 19 touts have been apprehended in Bangalore.

(c) Some of the steps taken to curb such unhealthy practices are as under :—

i) Surprise checks/raids are conducted by the Railways in coordination with the local police, wherever necessary.

ii) Under the Railways Act, 1989, the punishment for touts and passengers who travel on unauthorised tickets has been substantially increased.

iii) Public are educated/exhorted through Press, T.V., Posters etc.; not to buy tickets from touts/unauthorised sources.

iv) Special concerted drives to check black-marketing in Railway tickets are also undertaken at least twice a year during summer rush holidays and the Pooja/Dussehra/Diwali periods.

Restoration of Train between Palghat and Shoranur

6472. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the passenger trains running between Palghat and Shoranur (Southern Railway) have been cancelled for the last few month;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to restore these trains; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to lack of commercial justification.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Air Services Between Bombay and Kuwait

6473. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any

proposal to resume the air service between Bombay and Kuwait; and

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Effective 14.8.1991, Air India has resumed its regular operations between Bombay and Kuwait.

(c) Does not arise.

Rail Museum

6474. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE : Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state :

(a) whether some rail museum have been set up in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their locations and special features;

(c) whether some photographers have been appointed for these museums;

(d) if so, the criteria for such appointments and the purpose thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose up some regional rail museums also; and

(f) if so, the details thereof with objectives behind such a step ?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A National Rail Museum was set up in Chankyapuri, New Delhi in 1977 to depict the technical and historical development of Railways in India. Exhibits of National importance have been preserved in this Museum. A Regional Rail Museum functions at Mysore where objects of Regional importance have been preserved and displayed.

(c) Yes, Sir. Only in National Museum, New Delhi.

(d) A photographer has been appointed only at National Rail Museum, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi for preservation of negatives of all display items, preparing transparencies, taking photographs of objects for preparing transparencies, taking photographs of objects for preparing brochures and publicity material and cataloguing various display items of the museum.

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir. At Varanasi and Perambur subject to availability of funds. The objective for setting up of the museums is preserving Railway heritage of Regional importance.

Vigilance Cases Against ITDC Officers

6475. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :
SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply given on September 7, 1990 to Unstarred Question No. 5036 regarding vigilance cases against ITDC officers and State :

(a) whether the investigation has since been completed in each case;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made;

(c) the action taken by the Government/ ITDC Management against each of the officers as on date; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?